#### **CHAPTER NO. 770**

# **SENATE BILL NO. 2632**

# By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2295

### **By Ronnie Davis**

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to elementary and secondary education.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(\_) Adopt policies on the employment of substitute teachers. Such policies shall, at a minimum, address qualifications and training and shall ensure substitute teachers are subject to investigation pursuant to § 49-5-413. Such policies shall also prohibit hiring any substitute teacher whose records with the State Department of Education indicate a license or certificate currently in revoked status.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-501(b) is amended by adding a new subpart as follows:

(b)(3)(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of Title 49, in those counties in which all students in grades K-12 are eligible to be served by city and special school systems, the county shall not be required to operate a separate county school system, nor shall it be necessary that a county school board be elected or otherwise constituted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2002

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER USE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2002